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'Cautious optimism' for first stage of reopening

JENN WATT

Editor

Representatives of the county's business community say there is cautious optimism from among their membership following the province's decision to begin stage one of the reopening process this week.

On May 14, Premier Doug Ford released a list of businesses that can reopen or expand their offerings in Ontario including medical services, counsellors, golf courses, marinas, veterinarians, housekeeping, pet grooming and training, some retail services, and construction. These businesses must observe safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Haliburton County's business community is flexible, said Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Jennifer Locke, a necessary trait when operating in a seasonal economy.

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A wheelie good time

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus Jordon Doiron, follows the lead of Keagan Gillam on Monday, May 11 in Rotary Park on the shore of Head Lake in Haliburton. Doiron was learning how to unicycle from Gillam, who has five years of unicycling experience. /DARREN LUM Staff

HHHS staff, residents test negative for COVID-19

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Editor

Haliburton Highlands Health Services confirmed on May 13 that tests of the staff and resi-

dents at Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care homes have come back negative.

In addition, surveillance testing of all HHHS staff done on May 5 has also come back 100 per cent negative.

"While we are extremely

pleased to share this news, we are looking at this testing as strictly one 'picture in time,'" said Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO, in a press release. "HHHS will not relax our diligent work to protect all residents and staff, including through

physical distancing and hand-washing, twice-daily temperature screening, and the wearing of masks in our facilities."

A representative for Extendicare-Haliburton long-term care home told the *Echo* on May 8

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More can be done to support business through pandemic

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However, the COVID-19 pandemic and the necessary closure of many industries has presented real challenges: “they [businesses] are now tasked with new guidelines around safe operations, often involving reduced capacities for revenue and significant changes in operations (for example, one worker per vehicle driving to job sites). They feel that the government information is often vague and unclear, and are concerned about the social risk and legal implications of making the ‘wrong move,’” Locke said.

Andrea Strano, president of the local chamber of commerce, said government assistance programs for business have helped, but not all members are eligible.

“For some, the support has helped members retain all their employees and avoid not having to lay people off, but for others, mostly the self-employed individuals with variable incomes throughout the year, it hasn’t been helpful,” Strano said. “The government needs to recognize that recovery is going to vary by community – for example a lot of our members make 80 per cent of their income in a two-month period during the summer. There needs to be more long-term support as far as forgivable business loans as the support they have received so far is only sustainable for the short term. Many business owners have spent through their CEBA [Canadian Emergency Business Account] loan in a matter of a couple weeks.”

Locke said she is hearing from businesses “cautious optimism” and that they’re seeing the “light at the end of the tunnel” with the arrival of the first stage of reopening.

The chamber wants to see all businesses up and running soon, added Strano, but it has to be done in a safe manner.

“We have to trust the advice the provincial government is being given by medical experts. I will say I’m happy to hear that there is a small portion of our members that will be able to open and operate during Phase 1,” Strano said.

Haliburton County Home Builders’ Association issued a press release on May 15 applauding the province’s inclusion of construction on their list and reiterated that safety was their first priority.

“We are still focused on the safety of job sites, workers and clients,” association president Keith Thomas said. “Getting our industry safely back to work means we can get back to providing the housing supply and choice our community needs, from renovations to new home builds to adding new commercial workspace in Haliburton County.”

The construction industry can now move forward on all residential, non-residential, and renovation construction projects.

The association said they’ve been in contact with the county’s chief building officials and “they will be up and ready to move permits on May 19,” though the process differs between each municipality.

Golf courses are now allowed to reopen, with clubhouses open only for washroom use and for takeout food.

Randall Wood, from the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course, has been reviewing the protocols and going through the steps required for reopening since Ford’s announcement. “All the on-golf-course activities have been already set and ready to go. So the golf course is ready to go,” said Wood. “It’s just the clubhouse we’re more worried about right now and keeping it safe for our staff and our customers.”

Wood says the phones at the course have already been ringing from people who want to get out and golf. However, Wood says the course won’t rush to make a decision on reopening.

“I’m still going through the protocols right now to make sure that I can get everything done safely and confidently enough that we can open our doors. That’s what I’m afraid of is that the rush might push it,” said

Wood. “To throw a whole bunch of new rules out here for opening day, on a long weekend, this is gonna be a challenge.”

In the health sector, the resumption of in-person counselling is now permitted, but as Marg Cox of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents pointed out, guidelines still ask for virtual meetings whenever possible.

“We are working hard to balance the health and safety of both staff and people using our services. With this in mind, we are finalizing on our plan for seeing people face to face. Current clarification from the province indicates ‘that virtual service is still encouraged wherever possible,’” she said.

Point in Time has developed protocols to reduce risk, using larger rooms to allow for physical distancing and cleaning the space between sessions.

“Point in Time has continued to operate as an essential service and is looking forward to gradually being able to expand our service delivery models to include face-to-face service and at the same time we are planning to retain our virtual service delivery options going forward when appropriate,” Cox said.

Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services had continued with face-to-face meetings in crisis situations with personal protective equipment used by staff, said Beverlee Groves-Foley, clinical manager.

“We maintained our crisis assessments in office and the emergency [department], and our psychiatry services were maintained virtually. We have all been working here at HHMH services on site as we have private offices and we are part of the hospital team. Over the pandemic, a lot of my staff have also been redeployed a day a week to support the care in the organization (jobs like screening staff, inventory of supplies, additional help lines set up for front line staff, development of online services for clients to access),” she said.

They also used Zoom for video counselling groups and set up a phone-in group.

“... We look to implement permanent virtual services in the future which will assist in our challenge of client transportation,” she said.

From the chamber of commerce’s perspective, Locke said she was pleased that the province was supporting business through its personal protective equipment inventory, that connects those who need PPE with those

making it.

She said she’d like to see co-ordinated messaging from the province.

“It would be wonderful if the province could align its messaging across its offices that are responsible for monitoring/supporting safe operations of businesses – further, in terms of the culture and messaging being delivered to the staff responsible for ‘policing,’ it would be wonderful to see a culture of support and compassion over an adversarial and punitive program,” she said.

Strano said businesses would need assistance with doing the necessary renovations to make their locations safer.

“I would like to see forgivable support for businesses that have had to spend a substantial amount of money to renovate/alter their business premises to accommodate the return back to the office/workplace,” she said.

Additionally, she said expanding the rules around eligibility for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance for small businesses program would help keep the downtown areas populated.

“We already had an issue before this started of a handful of empty storefronts on our main streets in the county. We don’t need to add to it. I would like to see something being done to pretty up those spaces, a poster campaign promoting our community, local artwork in empty shop windows,” she said.

Overall, Strano said things were looking up: “These are good first steps, and we remain optimistic and hopeful for a positive turn around.”

With files from Zachary Roman

Access to services

Point in Time

County residents can continue to phone Point in Time’s main line 705-457-5345, or text/email info@pointintime.ca to request service during business hours. If youth aged 12-25 would like to find support or help regarding mental health and addictions, medical, sexual health, trans positive care, harm reduction, or employment they can phone or text the Haliburton County Youth Hub at 705-306-5199.

Mental Health Services

Self-referrals can be made by calling 705-286-4575, emailing hhmhs@hhhs.ca or texting 705-457-7453.

Fleming to begin fall semester online

Attending class at Fleming College will look different for students this fall due to coronavirus precautions, with course materials delivered online or through “alternative delivery.”

The plan, called Fleming Safe, includes the ability to move to in-person learning when government and public health directives indicate it is safe to do so.

“Our fall semester will be delivered through alternate models as we prepare for multiple scenarios for our campuses and classrooms to create the utmost in safe learning environments,” said Maureen Adamson, president of Fleming College. “We will follow guidelines from public health and the province, and our delivery decisions will be focused on the health and safety of everyone in our community.”

The plan allows for students to continue meeting their program requirements.

Safety in residence, athletics and food services is also being discussed by the college’s task teams responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I want to thank our students for their patience. We are taking these steps to provide as much certainty as we can for students and their families at this point in time. In keeping with our guiding principle of ‘safety first,’ we are dedicated to moving forward and mitigating any risk of recurrence. I also want to thank our Fleming employees for their incredible resilience and dedication to our students and our communities,” Adamson said.

Staff

Haliburton ER handling potential COVID–19 cases

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that its residents and staff had also all tested negative for COVID-19.

HHHS has changed its guidance on access to emergency departments, with Haliburton’s site available for all emergencies as well as those who have COVID-19 symptoms. The Minden site is open for all urgent needs and emergencies, but those with COVID-19 symptoms will be redirected to the Haliburton emergency department.

Those calling 911 should remember to tell the dispatcher about any possible COVID-19 symptoms. Those who think they may have COVID-19 symptoms, but it is not an emergency are asked to go to Ontario.ca/coronavirus and go through the online self-assessment or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

Province lifts fire ban

JENN WATT

Editor

A restriction that has been in place for weeks banning fires in Ontario’s “restricted fire zone,” which includes Haliburton County, was lifted as of May 16 by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

The ban was put in place to reduce the number of human-made fires, which would put the public at risk and take up time of emergency responders during a time when their services were already being taxed with the coronavirus pandemic.

The Municipality of Dysart et al confirmed that since there was no municipal fire ban, local residents would be permitted to have bonfires – just in time for the long weekend. Follow the regulations of your local municipality.

According to the provincial government, 50 per cent of wildland fires in Ontario are caused by humans.

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Haliburton doctor worked during 1918 influenza pandemic

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Staff Reporter

On Nov. 9, in 1918, *The Globe* newspaper ran an obituary for Dr. E. K. Henderson, a well-known Toronto physician who had died in Haliburton.

Henderson, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, was only 31 when he died.

"It is believed by the Toronto doctor who went down to Haliburton to attend him, that he caught cold while out all night one night attending a patient," reads the news item.

"Officially the death certificate said pneumonia, but it's generally thought that it was really influenza," said Kate Butler, director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Henderson, said Butler, "was by all accounts, a remarkable man, who was completely dedicated to his patients."

He was born in Barrie in 1886, and graduated from University of Toronto's school of medicine in 1909. *The Globe* said he "had wide experience, considering his years," noting Henderson had been a house surgeon at the old General Hospital, and an assistant to a doctor on Grenville Street, before gathering experi-

ence abroad in London, Paris and Vienna. "He settled in Haliburton some time ago, after marrying a Haliburton woman named Miss Emma Anderson," reads the *Globe* article. "He was well-known throughout the county of Haliburton, and was medical officer for the county battalion raised there some time ago for active service."

Henderson set up a practice after moving to the area in 1915.

"During the epidemic, he continued to look after his patients, with the likely minimal supplies he had available, until he himself became ill," said Butler. "It was said that he worked even as 'his fingernails turned black.'"

Butler said little is known about how the 1918 influenza pandemic, which globally killed tens of millions of people, affected Haliburton County, noting that it wasn't often talked about by those who lived through it.

"In 1918/19, everyone was just coming out of years of a world war and it was likely just more than people could process when they looked back on that era," said Butler. "It seemed like in Canada people preferred to recall the war, perhaps because they felt it was easier to see the victory there, even with all the trauma that had also ensued in that conflict."

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died each year in 1916, 1917 and 1919, local historian Adele Espina notes almost 100 people died in 1918 – about a 25 per cent increase from other years. Though deaths increased at that time, Espina said the cause of death hasn't been tabulated.

"In truth, we don't know how many people in the county were affected," said Butler. "The relative isolation of the communities here may have helped to keep numbers down. Also, deaths that had something to do with the influenza virus may have also been labelled in other ways on death certificates."



A photo of E.K. Henderson, a doctor in Haliburton County whose death is suspected to be related to the 1918 influenza pandemic. /Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Museum

School board staff busy with Learning@Home program

JENN WATT

Editor

Although the province is working to redeploy education sector workers in other fields during the coronavirus pandemic, Trillium Lakelands District School Board staff have already been assigned work and are not at this time being asked to consider going elsewhere.

The voluntary redeployment would temporarily see custodial workers, social workers, educational assistants, food preparation workers and children and youth service workers helping in long-term care facilities, retirement homes, hospitals, women's shelters and homes

for those with developmental disabilities.

At TLDSB, all permanent staff are either working from home or in the schools, said communications manager Catherine Shedden.

"Our custodians have been assisting at schools on some days for the past couple of weeks when we've had select staff going to the school to prepare items, and starting next week custodians will be coming in regularly to do cleaning and regular upkeep of the buildings as well as consistent sanitizing when and where needed," she said. "Maintenance staff are working on the delivery of paper materials to homes where there is not internet access."

Other education workers including teachers, secretaries, EAs and other pro-

fessional staff are working to support the TLDSB's Learning@Home at-home instruction.

However, if area health-care institu-

tions did express a need for additional workers, Shedden said that it would be taken into consideration by TLDSB.

Province reopens parks for day use

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Staff Reporter

Last week the provincial government reopened its parks and conservation reserves for limited day use, while camping remains prohibited.

While the government had previously announced that provincial parks would remain closed until at least May 31, it later announced that some parks and reserves would reopen for restricted use on Monday, May 11, with the remainder reopening in the same fashion on Friday, May 15.

According to a press release from the province, activities are limited to walking, hiking, biking and birdwatching, and access to all parks will be free until the end of the month.

Park campgrounds remain closed, as well as all other facilities including washrooms, water taps, playgrounds and beaches.

"People are eager to enjoy the warmer weather, stretch their legs and reconnect with nature," Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Jeff Yurek said in the release. "In consultation with our health experts, we're working to slowly phase-in the opening of Ontario Parks in a measured way to ensure the health and safety of visitors and staff. People should take note that not all amenities will be open and plan accordingly."

Anyone using a provincial park is also encouraged to continue to practice physical distancing.

"As we continue to make progress in our fight to stop the spread of COVID-19, we are carefully and cautiously reopening the province, starting with certain businesses and retailers, and now our provincial parks and conservation reserves," Premier Doug Ford said in the release. "I encourage people to get out and enjoy the outdoors, but please do so in a responsible way. Practice physical distancing and follow the rules set out by health care officials to stop the spread of this virus."

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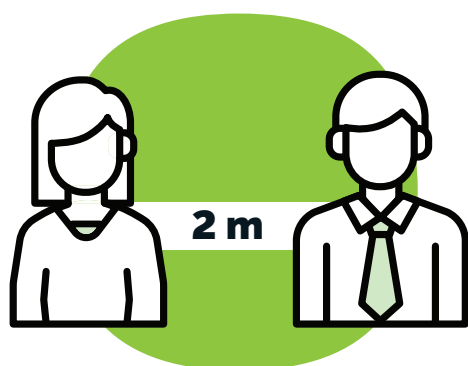
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COVID-19 response, surplus management hot topics at TLDSB meeting

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Staff Reporter

On May 12, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board held its committee of the whole meeting via remote video conference, discussing matters including COVID-19, budgets, and graduation. The meeting was live streamed to the public on the board's website.

Larry Hope, TLDSB director of education, said during the meeting that he is aware there is a degree of fatigue setting in for some parents who have found it tough to manage their own work from home responsibilities while keeping their kids engaged with online classes. "We do want to be sure that families are well supported, that students are well supported and that the load of this will not fall to our parents alone," he said.

Hope also said he is aware that there continues to be questions and concerns about the March 13 mark deadline. "The minister of education has suggested to us that we shall do no harm because of the COVID-19 pandemic and that the mark a student had going into March Break on March 13 would be the lowest possible mark that they could receive," said Hope. "I will tell you that we are having some further discussion about that, even as we speak, because what we talked about is happening in some instances. We have some students who are disengaging and thinking, 'well if I had a 51 or 60 or 73 on March 13 that mark can't go down and so I don't need to do anything else.' We disagree with that, we believe that it is the responsibility of everyone to do the work."

Hope said that TLDSB has established two committees to try to manage the issue moving forward. Hope also spoke about how the board is preparing to move forward with a return to school plan, whenever that may be.

"It is incumbent upon us to make sure that we are planning for that return to school, whatever it may be, as thoroughly as we possibly can. So we are working with a number of other school districts, five boards that have come together in the southwestern part of the province and one way up in northwestern Ontario," said Hope. "The superintendents have come together over the past several weeks to begin developing a very comprehensive plan, considering all kinds of scenarios."

The board also discussed the accumulated surplus management plan. TLDSB has historically been able to budget for various expenditures, such as special education support, using its accumulated surplus, otherwise known as reserves.

However, the board ran a deficit for the first time in 2018-19, so the Ministry of Education has requested that the board complete a deficit elimination plan.

The deficit elimination plan requires TLDSB to eliminate \$1.94 million in accumulated surplus spending by 2021-22. Under the plan, the board is also required to make its expenditures equal the amount of money it receives from the ministry's grants for student needs and partnership and priority funding to achieve a balanced budget.

This means the board has to fund fewer initiatives with their accumulated surplus for the 2020-21 school year and prioritize surplus spending on initiatives that have not found a funding source under the GSNs or PPF grants. This year, \$985,000 was cut from accumulated surplus spending.

Some notable areas affected by the cuts that will need to find funding elsewhere are special education support, music/arts support, program enhancement, and funding for student success educational assistants.

Despite the cuts, the board found room to add \$35,000 in funding for the Trillium Lakelands Arts Camp. Additionally, \$141,000 in funding was added to the 1-to-1 technology initiative, so the board could buy the Chromebook laptops they are currently leasing in order to cut future expenditures.

In response to the accumulated surplus management plan, Haliburton County trustee Gary Brohman said that because of COVID-19 the community has gone through troubling times – and that he thinks the board should do everything in its power to put funding toward the essentials, rather than specialized areas. "This is coming from my humble point of view, but the greatest learning is every day in the classroom, English, math, literacy and

the whole gamut of things, relationships are built there," said Brohman. "I believe that money should go to classroom teachers."

Tim Ellis, superintendent of business services for the TLDSB, said this year's grants for student needs have been pushed back a number of times by the Ministry of Education due to COVID-19 but are expected to come as usual.

"We do know that they're expected to be what they call a status quo," said Ellis. "So not a significant amount of changes within funding amounts."

The next committee of the whole board meeting is on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. You can listen in live on tldsbc.ca.



Spring cleaning

Sam Steffensen, an employee at the Bonnie View Inn, carries her products and linens from a recently cleaned and prepared room to another at the Kashagawigamog Lake Road accommodation in Haliburton. The second week of May the business started to prepare for the season with maintenance and renovation work. The inn has been closed since Jan. 5 and will wait for the province's direction to resume operations, but are hoping to re-open June 1. Operations are being reassessed every two weeks as information from the province is released. / DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Bonnie View Inn staff have been preparing for the start of the season since the second week of May.

Left, Bonnie View Inn staff member Mike Merritt finishes plumbing work.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

The next test

LEASH UP your shaggy dog and don those golf cleats – Ontario's stage one is here – if you're ready for it. The provincial government has begun the phased-in reopening of the economy, starting with some badly needed services including scheduled surgeries, veterinary appointments, and scientific research. Businesses crucial to the local economy are also now allowed to resume, such as construction, car dealerships, marinas, golf courses, dog groomers, the list goes on.

It's news that's come as some of us were beginning to prune up from too much time floating in our own inner worlds. (Just me?)

The important part of this announcement, however, is less exciting. Businesses have been given the go-ahead, if they are confident they can do so under specific safety guidelines.

And the residents are being told that they still must observe COVID-19 precautions as per usual.

The province hasn't lifted the state of emergency. Gatherings of five or less is still the rule. We must continue to observe physical distancing, regular (frantic?) hand-washing, and mask-wearing in places where we can't avoid getting close to others.

One of the reasons for this is that Ontario does not have widespread testing of the population. Up until May 14, the province's testing regime had targeted the high-risk sectors including health care, long-term care, first responders and corrections for universal testing. On Thursday, the health minis-

ter announced that all of those with symptoms of COVID-19 could be tested as well.

This will help paint a clearer picture of the spread of the virus in the province, but what we need now is testing of representative samples of people, capturing information on populations less likely to be tested and those who are asymptomatic or who have very mild symptoms.

Casting a wider net would allow public health officials to better map out where the virus is taking hold and where to focus attention to

keep it under control.

And while we have done very well in Haliburton County – all seven confirmed cases have long since been resolved – we know that the virus can still return through travel. Local residents visiting other regions can easily come in contact with someone who has the virus and bring it back. Similarly, people from other towns and cities

can unknowingly bring it here.

Bottom line is, as Ontario reopens, we need more testing and continued personal vigilance. The province's health minister has acknowledged the need for community surveillance and it will be essential in monitoring the virus as people begin to venture farther and more frequently into the public realm. In the meantime, we have to continue as usual. Assume you have the virus. Assume everyone else does too. Keep your distance, wash your hands, disinfect shared surfaces, and limit travel. And enjoy the few services we now have available once again.



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Editorial

Hope

BY THE TIME this article comes out we will be in about day 57 of our social distancing.

All of us have had moments or days of fear, doubt, worry, anger, loneliness, boredom, frustration and sadness. Our lives have changed and it is completely normal that we experience difficult emotions. And, we all have days where we feel hopeful, positive, happy, joyful, creative, connected, calm and at ease.

This time at home has given us the opportunity to contemplate more, and to reflect more. I am so curious about what practices people have to anchor themselves in hope. Hope for themselves, for their family, for the community and for the planet. What are the things that are helping people stay connected to their hearts, a feeling of love and hope, and returning to that space when the challenging emotions arise.

There is no question that when we are feeling a sense of connection, calm, quiet, peace, acceptance and gratitude that we will respond to and deal with challenging circumstances more effectively. Years ago someone said to me, drop the story and pay attention to the energy. How does the energy of hope or peace and quiet feel when it circulates in your body. How does the energy of fear, anger or sadness feel when it circulates? It is one thing to be aware of the fear or the sadness, but it is a whole other thing to have the tools work with the emotions.

There are so many great online resources right now that are available for free to help everyone navigate this time. In this community

there are yoga classes, meditation classes and church gatherings being offered for free online. They are a great way to maintain a sense of connection and inspiration. Another gift of this time is that many leading teachers from around the world are offering classes online for free. If you search out Eckhart Tolle, Tara Brach or Jack Kornfield you will find some really excellent resources to help you feel grounded, connected and hopeful.

I recently watched a talk on YouTube from Carolyn Myss called "The world is going to start over." Carolyn is a five-time *New York Times* bestselling author and internationally renowned speaker in the fields of human consciousness, spirituality and mysticism, health, energy medicine, and the science of medical intuition. In this talk Carolyn speaks about when she walked the El Camino in Spain, the

thousand-year-old pilgrimage path. She shares a beautiful reflection about the power of people to move to support each other and move forward together. She acknowledges the power of radical prayer and using it regardless of whether you believe in god or not. She believes there is something greater than us governing our lives and it will get us through this challenging time, just as it did after the Second World War.

What we all have right now is what is in us, and what is ahead of us. We all have the ability to hold hope, help each other and look at new ways of living and being. Pablo Neruda says "You can pick all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming." The earth will renew itself, and so will we. There is hope.



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by Darren Lum

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points of view

Settle down

WHAT I AM about to say will probably come as a surprise, and maybe even a shock to those of you who have seen me flit about town in socks and sandals. Nevertheless, it needs saying. Most women are able to maintain a cool, completely detached composure when they are around me. Hard to believe, I know.

I think we can all imagine how difficult this must be for them. After all, my mom once proclaimed me the handsomest boy in the world and, as far as I know, she has never lied to me.

Of course, a lot can change in 50 years.

Now it's probably more accurate to say I'm still somewhere in the top 10, which means it can't be easy for women to ignore me. The fact that they do is a testament to their incredible willpower and self-restraint.

What I find most interesting are the creative strategies these remarkable women use in order not to fawn over me. Most frequently, they use the "act like he's invisible" ploy – in which they do not even acknowledge my existence. Sometimes, they can accomplish similar results by muttering "Excuse me" and walking right by me in order to pretend they are actually interested in whatever is on sale in the produce section. Needless to say, they're not fooling anyone.



steve
galea

Loon Tales

Yet, yesterday for some reason – probably because of my long, flowing ear hair – several women walking by me stopped,

looked at me, and, from six-feet away, repeatedly said, plain as day, "What a cutie! Oh, what a cute boy!"

One man also stopped, looked my way and said, "Well, aren't you a handsome boy!"

At first, I thought they were referring to my new pup Rosie, who was taking me out for a walk. Then, I remembered Rosie is a girl dog. All this was more than a little embarrassing.

I'm not a dog psychologist or anything, but I'm sure this can't be good for an impressionable pup's self-esteem. At that age, they crave attention.

That's why I did not make a big deal of it in front of Rosie.

Otherwise, I would have let those people know this is 2020 and that sort of sexist behaviour is not welcome. I would have probably tempered this with a modicum of understanding since I am, very likely, in the top 10 in world-class handsomeness – and you could hardly blame a person for saying what they are thinking.

Also, I think we need to recognize there are still, apparently, some dinosaurs out there who do not think there is anything wrong with telling someone they are "a cutie" or "a handsome boy."

Yet, I am not just another piece of beefcake you can salivate over. So please, next time you see me on the streets, keep your urges under control and remember that even the "world's handsomest boy" has feelings, hopes and dreams.

If you plan on complimenting me – and you should – don't just focus on my obvious outer beauty. After all, I have an IQ, the world's humblest demeanour and a truly vivid imagination. Feel free to praise any one of those things.

All I really ask is that, when I'm with my pup, resist the urge to cat call. She definitely would not like that.



pic of the past

This Sunday School picnic in 1919 was held on Grace Lake Beach near Wilberforce. Mrs. Ez Ames and Mrs. John Holmes are sitting at far left. Mrs. Clara Schofield, Johnny Holmes, Frank Schofield, Reg Schofield and Ethel Marshal (standing). Seated in the background, Mr. Frank Schofield. Seated to the right are Elsie Liscombe, Lottie Godfrey, an unknown boy, Doris Schofield, Phyllis Ames, Beatrice Tallman and Helen Richardson.

letters to the editor

Coordinate mailouts

To the Editor,

The following is a letter to MPP Laurie Scott.

On April 20 I sent you an email with a simple question. You did not choose to respond and I am not surprised. I will let you know that even at 76 years old I do not need to be told hundreds of times how to behave. We have been following the behavioural protocol for almost two months and even tonight as we watch Global news I have been given the message at least six times in one hour period paid for by the Government of Ontario. I realize how serious this is but I am also a taxpayer who knows how much our community is hurting. You will need every tax dollar available and more to help out. Please don't tell us later that you don't have the resources to help.

I am especially frustrated with you on two

fronts. First of all our community here in Haliburton has done an excellent job of conveying the behavioural messages. Our community partners, businesses and media deliver the message effectively without direct tax dollars. I am also frustrated that your government has not done a better job of coordinating the use of tax dollars with the federal government. I have received flyers from you and the Government of Canada in my mailbox with the same information on the same day. Who are you targeting with this ongoing media assault? I can only surmise that Ontario citizens are not very intelligent or that this is simply political optics. I would suggest that you look at a different strategy to reach those who are not complying.

Gary Hunt
Haliburton

LTC home comes through for family

To the Editor,

During a time when it seems that all of the stories coming from long-term care facilities in Canada are heartbreakingly dismal, I would like to share a story of praise and gratitude.

My mother, Margaret Brown, was a comfortable and contented resident at Hyland Crest and passed away there recently. Mum was cared for with tenderness, compassion, and dignity especially in her final days and hours. What a wonderful display of professionalism and kindness during what must be an emotionally exhausting period. The current restrictions and PPE protocols have placed additional demands on an already

overburdened staff. And yet providing a comfortable passing was their mission – the ultimate gift. We are truly blessed to have a facility and staff of this calibre in our community. Our family will be eternally grateful.

Thanks to their diligent preventive procedures and isolation practices, the LTC homes in our county have remained free from COVID-19 cases in both staff and residents. It is time that LTC workers were valued and compensated at a level consistent with their skill, dedication, and commitment to our elders.

Thankfully,
Laurie Brown and family

More letters to the Editor on page 8

Are we in this together?

To the Editor,

Some of the images that will remain, long after the COVID-19 isolation is over, are the long lines of fire trucks and other vehicles driving past hospitals in salute of medical staff. We're all united in our appreciation of the work that front-line workers are doing. This shared appreciation has brought us together and made us proud of what we can accomplish when we're unselfish.

Sadly, this feeling of goodwill has not extended across other social divides. The stay-at-home orders have brought to light ugly prejudices that continue to circulate.

Seasonal residents have been asked not to come up to their cottages in order to spare the very limited health facilities in cottage country from being swamped. This has sparked a number of comments on social media that use the term "citiots" to refer to people who are part-time or seasonal residents. In return, we have heard the comments from some cottagers who suggest that they pay most of the taxes for this county.

When we moved up here in 1986, we were told that we would never be considered

locals unless we were born here or had lived here 40 years! We also learned very quickly that there was a long-standing enmity between many residents of Minden and Haliburton. The reason for the dislike was buried in decades of history: no one remembered why, they just knew that they didn't like people from the other town.

Isn't it time that we put behind us all the long-standing but unnecessary divisions? We all like to travel, which means we become tourists, but we sneer at "tourists" in our own community as if they were trespassing. If we love our community, we should be delighted that others want to come and enjoy it too.

The disparaging comments about "city-people" or cottagers often result from envy. It can be difficult to live in one of the poorest counties in Ontario and spend your summers working for minimum wage while the cottagers enjoy their second homes.

Seasonal residents who pay taxes on our lakes are indeed concerned about their properties, and would love to sit out these weeks in their peaceful confines. Who can blame them? But a few of them need to know that

many of the full-time residents of the county also live on the lakes and pay higher taxes for the privilege.

Full-time residents need to appreciate that many of the people who choose to have a second property in this area do so because they also appreciate the beauty and the pace of life: they contribute to the arts community, the preservation of nature, and give their time and money to the needs of the community. Yes, there are those who think that a cottage is "party central" and have loud parties without consideration for their neighbours. They should realize that the neighbour next door or across the lake may be the nurse who has to get up and work the next morning!

I don't care if someone is a full-time or part-time resident, or which town they come from. I do care that they respect their neighbours and contribute to their community. That's something we could all be proud of...

Helen Brown
Algonquin Highlands

Thank you!

Thank you for the work you do and for your sacrifice. Sometimes people help you, and some are not so nice.

You soldier on and keep on doing, the work you're trained to do, in spite of trying times and different rules designed for you, to understand and implement and often keep the peace.

So thank you all, and may you be rewarded for your grace.

The Bible says in First Thessalonians 5: 12-13

"Dear brothers and sisters, appreciate those who diligently labour among you, and have charge over you in the Lords work and give you instruction, [13] that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another."

Gord Forbes

Let's share the benefits that Haliburton has to offer

To the Editor,

As a cottage property owner, I was happy to read the message from Mayor Andrea Roberts in last week's *Echo*.

It should be clarified that there are primarily two types of property owners. One group typically comes to the cottage for weekends and occasionally stays for a two-week duration. Let's call this group the cottagers. The other group comes to the cottage and generally stays for whole summer or cottage season. Let's call them seasonal residents.

I agree that the cottagers can pose a

health problem, since they come from somewhere where the virus is prevalent and can pose an infection problem to local residents and an overload problem to the Haliburton hospital – unless they return home if sick.

However, what problem does the seasonal resident pose if they come to Haliburton and self-isolate for two weeks in their cottage? After that isolation aren't they similar to the local residents who take a winter vacation in a warmer climate and then return and self-isolate for two weeks? Both should be virus free and pose no problem to local residents and the

hospital. Shouldn't they be welcome to participate in shopping and contributing to the community as in the past?

It's no secret that Haliburton County depends on cottagers for its financial survival. Instead of looking at seasonal residents as "citiots" or "them" (unlike "we" locals), why not consider them as "us" (at least for the summer) and agree to share all the benefits that Haliburton has to offer – which are many. Isn't that a win-win situation.

Yes, some will question how to distinguish cottagers from seasonal residents. But as long as members of both groups

wear masks when in town, does it really matter? I would also argue that it is wise and safer for everyone (both customers and business workers) to wear a mask when in town – thereby greatly reducing the possibility of community spread.

Life will not revert back to "normal" until an effective vaccine is readily available – hopefully by early next year. So until then let's cooperate while waiting for the vaccine and enjoy the temporary "new normal."

Dennis Choptiany
Koshlong Lake (seasonal resident)



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Marinas reopen as COVID-19 restrictions eased

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Staff Reporter

Marinas were among the Ontario businesses that were allowed to reopen on Saturday, following an announcement by the provincial government on May 14.

Previously, marinas had been under tight restrictions amid the COVID-19 pandemic, prohibited from doing any work on recreational boats. The week before last, marinas were informed they could start preparation work to reopen.

"We've been allowed to get boats ready for about the last week and half," said Ann Gordon, owner of Haliburton RPM, who was happy to hear the announcement from the province.

"We've been social distancing," Gordon said, explaining a number of COVID-19 protocols had been instituted for staff at the marinas, including one employee per boat while cleaning, and work stations that are farther apart. "We're just excited to get some boats out. Usually they go out gradually."

Gordon said RPM is doing its best to get many boats ready as soon as possible.

"Usually it takes us six weeks getting ready for the boats to go out," she said. "This year we've had a week and a half. We're working like crazy to make sure everyone's happy. It's just patience."

"We're happy to see the cottagers back," Gordon said, adding that boating is an activity that lends itself to social distancing.

Along with marinas, Premier Doug Ford announced on May 14 that as of the long weekend golf courses could

also reopen, with clubhouses only permitted to be open for the use of washroom facilities.

Private campgrounds and parks were also permitted to open for preparation and for access to trailers and recreational vehicles for clients with year-long contracts.

"During the last several weeks, the people of Ontario have been called on to make incredible sacrifices to help us stop the spread of COVID-19, including staying home from work, closing down businesses and going without a regular paycheck," Ford said during the May 14 press conference. "However, we are reopening even more of our businesses beginning this long weekend. We are taking a cautious, balanced approach to our economic reopening, to protect the health and safety of everyone."

Other businesses, such as retail stores not located within shopping malls, are being permitted to reopen May 19.

The show must go on for Haliburton's Shout Sister Choir

ZACHARY ROMAN

Staff Reporter

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, people everywhere are finding new ways to connect with and maintain the communities they were part of in the pre-pandemic world. For example, people are hosting parties, classes, meetings and more online – activities that can translate well to a virtual format.

Since the government enacted physical distancing protocols due to COVID-19, a dedicated group of women from Haliburton have been doing something that isn't so easy to organize online – running their choir practices. The group, called Shout Sister, are doing this over popular video conferencing software Zoom.

"The main benefit is that the women get to get as close as they can to gathering because the singing ... for some, it's the highlight of their week to get together and sing," said Laurel McCauley, director of the Haliburton chapter of Shout Sister Choir. "They can see each other ... so it's sort of the best that they could get without actually being physically close."

There are 25 Shout Sister chapters across Ontario. The first one was established by Juno-award-nominated singer-songwriter Georgette Fry in Kingston in 2002. Shout Sister Choirs are unique in that they don't require an audition or require you to know how to read sheet music to join. Shout Sister is a welcoming community for any and all women to sing together.

McCauley says that in these unprecedented times, the mental, physical and spiritual benefits of singing – especially with a group – are very important. It's a sentiment shared by members of her choir



Shout Sister's current logo; designed by Joan Churchill from Prince Edward County. /Photo submitted by Shout Sister

as well. One of those members is Kim Quigley.

Quigley said there are concrete health benefits to singing in a group – and that there are so many more positives than just that. "In terms of now, us all being isolated from each other, having the ability to just see everyone's face every week and chat in between songs ... we're just able to have that sense of community still, in spite of being isolated," said Quigley. "Bringing more music into your life is never a bad thing ... It's something to look forward to every week and sharing something with all those wonderful women and being able to sing, it's wonderful."

Quigley appreciates the structure that choir practices bring – she also participates in a daily online choir that streams practices from England. "Sometimes we wish we had more freedom, but you know, having no commitments at all, I don't think it's good for your mental well-

being," said Quigley. "I think something to get anchored on is really important, especially in these times."

Despite the many benefits of continuing to run choir practices on Zoom, it doesn't come without difficulties. Most of which are technical, of course.

"[Haliburton's] internet isn't always as high speed and as strong as other places' might be," said McCauley. "The difficulty on my end specifically was learning new technology. Once I learned that, I had to learn further how I needed to override some of the default settings that come automatically when you [get] a subscription to Zoom."

Quigley said she commends McCauley for working so hard to get the online practices to where they are now. "She's clearly really committed to making it work for all of us. I'm sure [setting everything up] was really difficult at the beginning, but we've got most of those bumps ironed out," said

Quigley. "Without hesitation I can say that I feel like I still have a connection to my choir and by extension to my community in general. Without this it would just be a big void."

According to McCauley, timing in music is critical. And with the time lag of online video conferencing, that means the music for everyone in the call has to come from only McCauley's speakers. McCauley has the master track, arranged by Fry, which contains all the vocal and backing track parts of a given song.

Everyone else in the call mutes their microphone and sings their part along to McCauley's audio. Because of the time lag, if everyone were unmuted it would sound like a jumbled mess. Everyone wishes they could hear each other, but for now, they have to settle for just seeing.

"You get a sense of singing together, but you're not really, you're singing with one other person," said Quigley. "It helps you with your singing. That doesn't really help with the group singing thing, you know, because you can't hear everybody else. So that's one of the challenging things."

For practice purposes, choir members can download a recording of the master track, or just their specific part – for example, just the alto vocals, or just the soprano vocals – from Shout Sister's website. "It's very well organized, which is probably one of the reasons for the success of the organization," said McCauley.

Because of the way the Zoom practices work, McCauley said that she isn't in a position to direct the choir like she normally could. She said the Shout Sisters are doing this with fun as the first priority.

If you are interested in joining Shout Sister or listening to their work, you can check them out at shoutsisterchoir.ca.

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Social distancing will be good for my garden: cool cold season crops

Part of a series of garden tasks we can complete while practicing social distancing

RACING AGAINST daffodils, the subject of my last musing doesn't hold a candle to the race against blackflies. This week's goal is to complete as many gardening tasks as possible before the weather turns and the biters sally forth from their winter hiding places.

Garden



Belinda Gallagher

Musings

Due to the unseasonable weather of late, preparing the veggie garden was delayed. I have found this task, when done properly, saves hours of weeding in the summer. But it needs a day or two of dedicated suffering and some assistance from the significant other.

Every fall, piles of compost are added to the garden area and it is rototilled. After the heavy snows of winter,

the soil is quite compacted and it needs another fluffing so air pockets are created. Healthy roots need water, food and air. Out comes the rototiller again. Then it is time to make the beds and paths.

I spend time in winter drawing a plan for the garden because crops need to be rotated. Planting the same family of plants in the same location, year after year, can lead to pest and disease issues as well as depletion of certain nutrients. This is particularly important for the brassica group which is susceptible to club root, a disease that can remain in the soil for years. (This group includes broccoli, kale, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, turnips, and bok choy.)

I dig out the paths a little bit and this effectively "raises" the individual sections so that they heat up sooner and drain well. Over the course of the garden cleanup, bags of dried plants are collected and my handsome assistant runs it all through a shredding machine. You can also run garden debris over and over with a lawn mower to make fine mulch.

This mulch is added to the paths to hinder weeds. Note that over the last few years I moved away from straw mulch. There were too many seeds – weed and otherwise and the paths were a mess. Garden clippings are much better in my opinion.

Now to the subject of the headline. April and May are the months to plant cool season vegetables – those hardy enough to withstand frosts and a bit of snow. This year the operative word should be *cold* not *cool*, don't you think?

Fortunately, several crops prefer to be planted

when both soil and air are cool. Top among those seeded into the garden now are peas, carrots, beets, Swiss chard, spinach, lettuce and turnips. There are others that are fine with the cool/cold but are started earlier indoors because they need a longer growing season. This group includes broccoli, kale, cauliflower and shallots that will be added as small plants in the coming days.

Potatoes like the cool, too, so they are planted now in trenches. This year we are trying fingerling potatoes – Russian Banana and Peruvian Purple, both sourced from Vesey's Seeds in Prince Edward Island. A friend of mine who is the head horticulturalist at Black Creek Village in Toronto recommended these heirloom varieties. I'll let you know how they perform.

I keep meaning to share a thought about garden tips. Through all this pandemic news I became a fan of Dr. Tam (chief public health officer of Canada) and Dr. Fauci (director of National Institute of Allergy

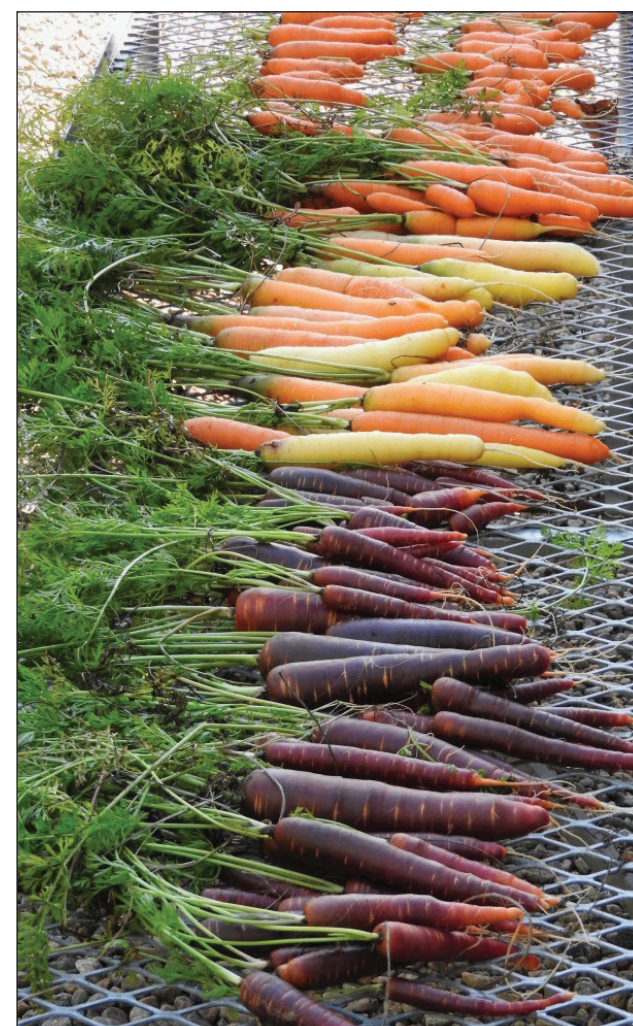
and Infectious Diseases in U.S.A.) and their reasoned, level, scientific approach to advice. Dr. Fauci recently said something about advice. "We should be humble in what we don't know," he said, in response to a comment about COVID-19 and children.

In all of my musing, I try to be humble in what I don't know. Every gardener has a wealth of knowledge about what works and what doesn't. Every garden space is different. Add to that a good dose of Mother Nature and any advice can be turned upside down.

On the plus side, a great deal can be learned from failures and -7 degrees Celsius on May 9!



A few days of dedicated suffering in the spring will make your vegetable gardening an easier experience later. After rototilling comes trenching and creating paths.



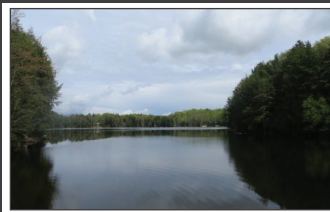
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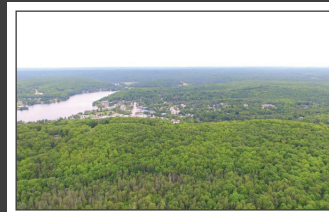
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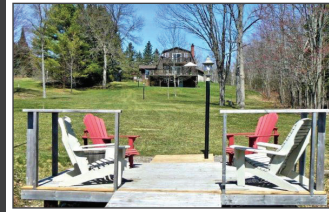
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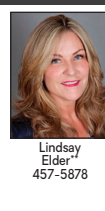
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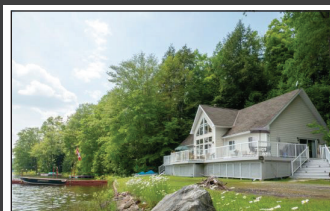
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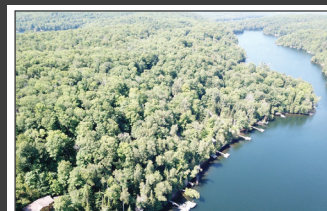
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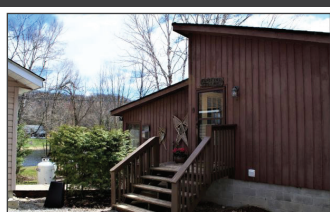
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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Japanese classical theater

4. Chess pieces

9. Pieces of writing

14. Doctors’ group

15. Capital of Guam

16. Type of turtle

17. Swiss river

18. MLB Hall of Famer

20. Places to sit

22. Fancy rides

23. One of Washington’s Tri-Cities

24. Without class

28. Male child

29. Keeps you cool

30. Biblical place

31. Italian city

33. District in central Turkey

37. Job for a grad student

38. Central nervous system

39. Arrange in steps

41. Witch

42. Promotional material

43. Having certain appendages

44. Approaches

46. One who did it (slang)

49. Of I

50. Blood relation

51. Works out

55. Female given name

58. Isaac’s mother (Bib.)

59. Makes someone happy

60. Creative

64. Small, faint constellation

65. S. American trees

66. Makes simpler

67. Neither

68. We all need it

69. Unique plastic utensil

70. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

- CLUES DOWN
1. Civil Rights group

2. Metropolis

3. Badgers

4. Regular business given to a store

5. Gets older

6. A bundle of banknotes

7. Midway between north and northwest

8. Takes to the sea

9. Prestigious film prize: __ d’or

10. Baltimore ballplayer

11. Removed

12. Term of respect

13. Genus containing pigs

19. Illumined

21. One who symbolizes something

24. Member of a Turkic people

25. The academic world

26. “Key to the Highway” bluesman

27. Hang-ups

31. Long, leafless flower stalk

32. Categorize

34. Loads

35. Indicates position

36. Unreasonable

40. Dorm worker

41. Dweller

45. Welsh female name meaning “snow”

47. Offering again

48. National capital

52. Firm, dry and brittle

53. 007’s creator

54. Allied H.Q.

56. Mackerels

57. Month of the Hindu year

59. Not odd

60. Belonging to a thing

61. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen

62. Religion

63. Equal, prefix

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From The Social Reader’s Toolbox

LAURIE JONES
Special to the Echo

FINDING YOUR neck getting a bit stiff? Thumb sore? Eyes blurring? Take a moment to think about how much time you are spending on social media and how your body is reacting to those held poses, rapt attention and repetitive actions. This is not to say you need to say no to social media, just give your body a chance to catch up as you explore your newfound communication toolbox. Warm up and cool down before settling in to an online session. A light stretch of the neck muscles, some shoulder rolls and facial stretches do make a difference. And remember to take a break. Now is a great time to dance like nobody’s watching, make lioness faces, blow raspberries and crane your neck. Your body will thank you.

My thumb used to get really sore until I realized how heavy my new phone was. All that power and memory comes at a price! Most of my aches were related to holding the relatively heavy device in one hand and scrolling with my thumb, usually on the run and with compulsive regularity, I hate to admit! I learned to pause

a moment and engage with just one of those posts. To comment thoughtfully, or with a bit of humour. And my thumb feels better. Acknowledging our friends is kind and grows connectivity. Get it? It’s a bit like potato chips, a few will do, and likely better for you than eating a bagful while binging on Netflix. Savour the taste of social!



Laurie Jones does the roaring lion stretch. / Photo submitted



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NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

As per Policy No. 24 – Public Notice Policy, notice is hereby being provided that Dysart et al Council, at their regular meeting to be held on May 26, 2020, will be amending the Procedural By-law to implement the Committee of the Whole; and also update Governance Continuity during a Declared Emergency and the Procedures for Electronic Meetings during an Emergency.

NOTICE OF THE NAMING OF ALL PUBLIC/PRIVATE ROADS

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c.25, as amended, the Dysart et al Council, at their regular meeting to be held on May 26, 2020, will be considering a By-law to name all public and private roads, as required, to accommodate the following roads:

- Deer Point Lane and Driftwood Cove Trail – to be added
- Clipper Lane changed to Hunt Trail
- Clarion Trail changed to Clive Trail

Cheryl Coulson, Clerk



Ask Wes

Answering common landfill questions.

Debbie C asks: "Are #5 plastic food containers recyclable?"

The short answer is yes... and no. A general rule I like to use is that single-use food containers with the #5 recycling logo belong in the recycling bin while reusable containers are not actually recyclable in Dysart. This has to do with both the process used to make the reusable containers and the complicated rules of the Ontario Blue Box program. For a complete understanding of plastic recycling, I recommend a degree in waste management!

Other plastics used for food, household cleaners, and personal cleaners with the recycling logo are recyclable.

Here is a partial list of common plastics that are recyclable:

- soap bottles
- food containers
- water/juice bottles
- plastic bags
- food storage styrofoam

The following list contains plastic items that are not recyclable:

- flower pots and trays
- reusable food storage (like Tupperware)
- cosmetics containers
- toothpaste tubes
- styrofoam packing
- plastic pouches (sandwich bags and bags that hold their shape, stand up or do not stretch.)
- bubble wrap
- toys
- totes and lids
- potato chip bags

In the past 40 years, plastics use has increased 620 per cent and plastic packaging types have become increasingly complex and difficult to manage. In today's world, our recycling processing facilities cannot handle every variation of plastic that has been introduced into the market. With a better understanding of recycling, we can make decisions at the stores to reduce the plastic waste we create.

As always check your municipal website and ask your attendants questions. And remember: "No one can do it alone, but together we can change the world!"

Wes is the adopted gorilla who lives at the West Guilford landfill. He says he loves it when people wave to him as he greets them at the gate.

Do you have a recycling question? Email it to letters@haliburtonpress.com with the subject line: Ask Wes.

Wes works for the Municipality of Dysart et al. To be sure you are following your municipality's recycling rules, contact waste management staff at your municipality.



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The song and dance man in lockdown, don'tcha know

WHY IF OL' Maybelle's heart isn't as heavy as a lead balloon, don'tcha know. Sure wish I could shake it. You see, my dear old friend, Eddie Wilcox – why if his life hasn't been turned upside down and sideways since this crazy virus hit and it saddens me to my bones just thinking about it. You see ...

Edward Wilcox, Eddie to his friends, spent his whole life travelling across Canada putting smiles on people's faces, singing and dancing in all kinds of stage musicals including the ever-popular Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *Pirates of Penzance* among others. For years, he helped fill seats at the Stratford and Charlotte-town festivals performing roles ranging from classical theatre to light opera. And boy was he funny. Why, watching Eddie do a comic double take, then stare into space like Jack Benny made folks howl with laughter.

But what really made Eddie special? He was the dearest, kindest person you could ever hope to meet. There was just some sort of sweet, honest wholesomeness about him that made you feel happy just talking to him. I probably never would have met Eddie if it hadn't been for my best friend, Gloria Shumacher Pearce (we grew

up together in Lake WhaddayathinkImean) who met Eddie in Chicago when they were all of 20-something. Glo, as I call her (and she did glow after meeting him) was skating with the Ice Capades back then and he was performing in a travelling production of *My Fur Lady*. Why when those two met, it was love at first sight, and it stayed that way for a whole 65 years of marriage, don'tcha know.

From their tiny first-home bungalow in Scarborough, to their five-bedroom manor house in Lake WhaddayathinkImean where they retired, their life together was full, lively, and peachy keen. They loved hosting their friends, wining and dining them, taking them on boat rides around Lake W, telling stories of the theatre – funny times and sad, challenging and easy – and of Glo's escapades with the Ice Capades, don'tcha know.

They never did have wee ones. Oh they tried, but it wasn't in the cards for ol' Eddie and Glo, so, it was just the two of them all those years ... best of friends travelling together to all points of the world ... and always coming back to their favourite place of all – their home in Lake WhaddayathinkImean with their dogs, cats, and

parrot, Hamlet.

But as the years passed, Glo began forgetting things, and then more things, and then getting confused about just about everything. And it broke ol' Eddie's heart, but eventually, Glo had to be put in a special facility for Alzheimer's and dementia patients, and he had to move to a nearby two room assisted living apartment, don'tcha know.

Right now, as I write this, Eddie's eyesight is so poor that he can't read a thing. And since the virus hit, he's been in lockdown away from Glo. He doesn't have the comfort of his dogs and cats ... and Hamlet flew to parrot heaven moons ago. The dining room at the facility has been closed and food is left at his door three times a day. Plus, the move to the facility happened so quickly that Eddie doesn't have his beloved music with him or a device to play it on. Listening to musicals and singers like Barbra Streisand not only lifts Eddie's spirits, it helps heal his sorrow.

So, ol' Maybelle got this bee in my bonnet. I thought: I'll buy ol' Eddie a CD device and earbuds and make copies of CDs I know he loves and mail it to him. So, I purchased the device and earbuds online and when they arrived, I packaged it up with the CDs and some batteries and mailed it off.

Finally, Eddie's package arrived. The problem was, he

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Maybelle's



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couldn't see well enough to figure out how to use it. It's a simple device, shaped like a pancake about an inch high that fits only one CD at a time. The top flips open, that's how you put the CD in, and there are a few little buttons on top to choose from to get it to play. After trying to guide him through getting it to work for close to an hour, sadly, ol' Eddie got flummoxed and gave up. Boy, I felt sad after that call.

Then I read about a fella named Bill Gliddon who plays the piano for people in quarantine over the phone. Ding! Ding! I immediately phoned Eddie. and said, "Eddie, would you like to listen to Barbra Streisand right now? Her whole CD?" Boy, did he ever come alive. "YES! YES!" he said. So, I put the CD in my CD player, rested the telephone receiver next to the speakers and let 'er rip! Oh, my goodness! Eddie was over the moon. He said he cried when a song made him think about Glo and how much he missed her, but it took him away on the wings of lush orchestral sounds and Streisand's beautiful voice.

So, now ol' Maybelle phones Eddie every two days and plays a whole CD for him. It fills him up, he says, more than one CD and he'd burst. And, he asks for Barbra every time, this wonderful song and dance man in lock down, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com



Snowy start to May

Vehicles were difficult to see as they travelled along Highland Street during a heavy snowfall on Friday morning, May 8 in Haliburton. Several centimetres accumulated on roads, rooftops and plants before much of it melted by the afternoon./
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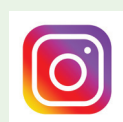
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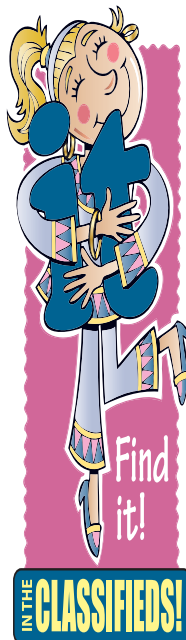


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Point in Time
Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents will be hosting its Annual General Meeting on June 9, 2020 at 6:00pm.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Dawn Milburn for further details (dawnm@pointintime.ca or 705-457-5345 ext. 338)



580 NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE LARRY GLEN BAGG

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **LARRY GLEN BAGG**, late, of the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 14th day of December, 2019, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 12th day of June 2020.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 11th day of May 2020.

SELBIE LOUCH
Barrister, Solicitor
34 Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 699
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

580 NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE KENT WILSON PALMER

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **KENT WILSON PALMER**, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of December, 2019, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 19th day of June 2020.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 11th day of May 2020.

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2011 WINTERFEST County to host senior games

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will host the 2011 Ontario Senior Games.

MPP Rick Johnson made the announcement on behalf of Ontario's health promotion minister, Margaret Best, during the second annual Haliburton County Warden's Breakfast at Pinestone Resort on May 15.

"Minister Best sends her congratulations," Johnson told a crowd of more than 100 local politicians, health officials, community volunteers and members of various committees and organizations.

The county has been working on its bid to host Winterfest since last year. Warden Dave Burton congratulated Dennis Casey, Bob Nichol, Amy Brohm, county CAO Jim Wilson and county economic development director Bob Smith for their work in putting together the application.

The games are scheduled from February 15 to 17, 2011.

"The Senior Games are a celebration of healthy living,"

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MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Prom beauties

While their dates wait to escort them into the prom dance at Pinestone Resort on Friday night, Kate Gallagher gives Katie Sutcliffe's hair another spray to make sure the curls last through the festivities. It was a night for beautiful girls and well-clad boys. For more photos see pages 16 and 17.

Hodgson scores first goal as a pro

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

Before playing his first game with the American Hockey League's Manitoba Moose on May 15, the hockey world al-

ready understood that Cody Hodgson was a pro. Now it's just official.

After losing to the Windsor Spitfires in five games of the OHL championship series, Hodgson's had little time to reflect because he's been busy

learning a new system and getting to know a new set of teammates in Winnipeg with the Vancouver Canucks AHL affiliate.

See **Hodgson** page 24

HIGHLANDS EAST Three fire halls may close

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

Three fire halls may close if recommendations from the fire master plan are implemented by Highlands East council.

At its meeting May 12, Peter Corfield of the consulting group studying every aspect of the six-hall fire department, gave councillors a preview of what his report will say.

"If you had all the money in the world, under a volunteer system ... I would still argue that probably [service] can't be delivered to every corner of the municipality in a consistent basis," Corfield told council.

"The question becomes how can we provide service to people in a consistent manner that reflects the cost, the ability to pay and satisfies the municipality. I think that's really the challenge," he said.

Corfield and his associate Bram Radix did not present their final findings to council, describing their visit as a forum for feedback before the document is complete. They will return with the complete report on May 26. The report is part of a master fire plan, which the Ontario Fire Marshal uses to

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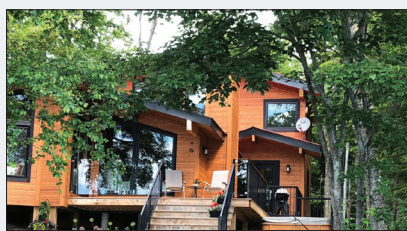
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Colbourne Lake

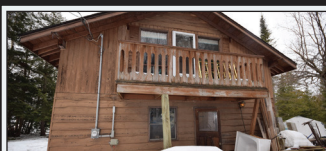
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WENONA LAKE \$662,000

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KENNISIS LAKE \$569,000

It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies.



CARROLL ROAD \$559,500

Every nature lovers dream! 3 bdrm, 2 bath rustic log home perfectly situated on 92ac. Deck around the front & side to enjoy your lovely yard, gardens & forest. Complete and utter privacy! Open concept kitchen-dining finished with wood cabinetry and grand wood cookstove. Large 3 bay garage.



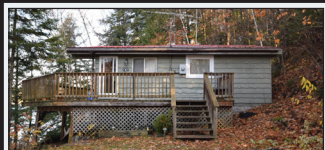
TWELVE MILE LAKE \$558,000

Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch.



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MISKWABI LAKE \$486,900

Turnkey 3 bdrm, 4 season cottage. Open concept living space. Finished with pine walls and ceilings, gives the true cottage feel. Recently installed laminate flooring throughout, indoor sauna. This property has it all! Walk-out to wrap around deck. Bunkie for additional living space.



NESBITT ROAD \$399,999

Recently renovated 4 bdrm, 2 bath home. Beautifully treed level lot. Many recent upgrades include new roof, fully renovated bathrooms, luxury vinyl flooring throughout, blown-in insulation and much more. Finished lower level, large deck and heated attached double car garage.



PERCY LAKE \$379,000

Great traditional family cottage! 4 Bdrm, 1 bath cottage has open concept living space finished w/ laminate flooring and wood interior boasts cottage charm. Large lakefront deck. Southern exposure. The list doesn't stop there, sauna building at waters edge, large sitting deck and dock.



CONTAU LAKE \$339,000

Charming seasonal waterfront cottage. 100 ft of frontage. 3 bdrms, 1 bath. Spacious eat-in kitchen and gorgeous lake views from the living room. Storage shed, easily converted to Bunkie Good swimming off large floating dock. Seller is installing a new septic.



AIRPORT ROAD \$259,000

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